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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A composition for softening paper and textile substrates containing: (a) a nonionic component selected from the group consisting of a monoester of glycerol and a C₈₋₂₂ fatty acid, a diester of glycerol and a C₈₋₂₂ fatty acid, and mixtures thereof; (b) a polyol component; (c) a cationic emulsifier; (d) a nonionic emulsifier; and (e) water, and wherein the nonionic component and polyol component are present in the composition in a ratio by weight of from 2.5:1 to 1:2.5.

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